

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows. The following list of claims replaces all proceeding lists of claims.

1. (currently amended) A method for managing electronic transcripts and electronic exhibits performed on at least one processor, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting an electronic transcript file to ~~associate~~ have establish an electronic link with at least one electronic exhibit;

~~displaying the association tool;~~

~~inputting a user defined association between the electronic transcript and the electronic exhibit;~~

synchronizing a media file with the electronic transcript;

identifying at least one electronic exhibit to be ~~associated~~ electronically linked with the electronic transcript by ~~the a user defined~~ an electronic link association;

choosing a type of ~~association~~ electronic link between the electronic transcript and the at least one electronic exhibit;

inputting the user defined electronic link in the electronic transcript to establish the electronic link between the electronic transcript and the electronic exhibit; and

applying the ~~association~~ electronic link to the electronic transcript such that the electronic transcript and the at least one electronic exhibit are linked to cause the at least one electronic exhibit to automatically displayed as the electronic transcript and the synchronized media file are advanced passed the electronic link.

2. (cancel)

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 2, further comprising the steps of:

activating the applied electronic link ~~association~~; and

displaying the at least one electronic exhibit.

4. (original) The method of claim 3, further comprising the steps of:

displaying the electronic transcript in a first window; and

displaying the at least one electronic exhibit in at least a second window.

5. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein the step of displaying the at least one electronic exhibit comprises the step of displaying an image.

6. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein the step of displaying the at least one electronic exhibit comprises playing an audio file.

7. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein the step of displaying the at least one electronic exhibit comprises playing a video file.

8. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein the step of displaying the at least one electronic exhibit comprises playing an audio/video file.

9. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

~~synchronizing a media file with the electronic transcript; and~~
appending the media file to the electronic transcript.

10. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of launching the media file in a media window.

11. (original) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of advancing the electronic transcript along with the media file.

12. (canceled)

13. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of recognizing the characters of the at least one electronic exhibit to provide character searching of the at least one electronic exhibit.

14. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of importing a file to a project, the file selected from a group of files consisting of electronic transcript files and electronic exhibit files.

15. (currently amended) A system for managing electronic transcripts and electronic exhibits, comprising:

a transcript manager;

an organizational and control module connected to the transcript manager to provide tools;

a memory comprising at least one electronic transcript file, a media file associated with at least one of the at least one electronic transcript file, and at least one electronic exhibit file connected to the transcript manager; and

a display connected to the transcript manager, the display providing at least a graphical user interface and at least one viewer, such that the transcript manager provides a graphical user interface and the organizational control module provides tools whereby a user can manage the at least one electronic transcript and the at least one exhibit to synchronize the media file with the at least one of the at least one electronic transcript file and input an electronic link in the at least one electronic transcript file linking the at least one electronic transcript with the at least one exhibit such that when the synchronized media file advances passed the electronic link, the linked at least one electronic exhibit is displayed.

16. (original) The system of claim 15, wherein the memory comprises a local memory connected to the transcript manager.

17. (original) The system of claim 15, wherein the memory comprises at least a remote memory connected to the transcript manager through a network connection.

18. (original) The system of claim 17, wherein the network is selected from a group of networks consisting of a local area network, a wide area network, an optical network, a wireless network, a WiFi network, an Ethernet, Internet, and World Wide Web.

19. (original) The system of claim 15, wherein the memory comprises a removable medium.

20. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein the removable medium is selected from the group consisting of a magnetic disk, an optical disk, and a tape.

21. (original) The system of claim 15, wherein the graphical user interface receives user input from an input device selected from a group consisting of a keyboard, a mouse, a track ball, a light pen, and a touch screen.

22. (currently amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the display provides a first display to display the at least one electronic transcript and a second display to display the at least ~~tone~~ electronic exhibit.

23. (original) The system of claim 22, further comprising a media player to display media selected from a group of media consisting of audio, video, and audio/video.

24. (original) The system of claim 15, further comprising at least one dialog box in which a user can enter a user defined association between the at least one electronic transcript and the at least one electronic exhibit